

Application No.: 10/071,325  
Amendment Dated November 5, 2003  
Reply to Office Action dated: September 29, 2003

Attorney Docket No.: TOK00-037

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 are pending and are subject to an Election Requirement.

Responsive to the Election Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby respectfully elect Species I, directed towards a facilitator for facilitating various management tasks concerning a fuel dispenser and its components, wherein a  
5 diagnostic test procedure manipulates event-specific variables. Species I currently includes claims 2-5, 6-9, 10-13, 18, 20-22, 24-27, 28, and 29-71, such claims being generic thereto and/or readable thereupon. Additionally, non-elected claims 1, 14-17, 19, and 23 are understood to be currently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Election Requirement. The  
10 species definitions presented by the Examiner are broad and somewhat vague. As such, Applicants believe that several claims can meet some or all of such definitions. As such, more than claim 28 is generic to/readable upon all the species. Applicants submit that claims 4, 10-13, 31-33, 36, 37, and 54-56 are also generic to/readable upon all the species.


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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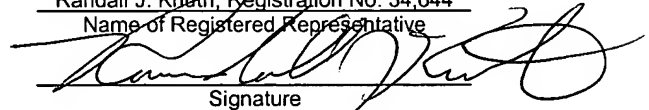
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